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Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Rzucidlo on 1/14/2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

**In the Specification:**

On page one, before the first paragraph, please add the following:

Field of the Invention

On page one, first paragraph, please amend the following:

[0001] The present invention relates to a functional element for attachment to a sheet metal part such as for example a nut element or a bolt element having a body part or head part respectively which has at its first axial end, if required, a circularly cylindrical part and which merges at its other axial end into a cylindrical rivet section, ~~in accordance with the preamble of claim 1,~~ and also relates to a component assembly manufactured from the functional element and a sheet metal part ~~in accordance with the preamble of claim 17.~~

On page one, before the second paragraph, on line 7, please add the following:

Background of the Invention

On page two, before the second paragraph, on line 5, please add the following:

Summary of the Invention

On page six, before the second paragraph, on line 7, please add the following:

Brief Description of the Figures

On page seven, before the seventh paragraph, on line 13, please add the following:

Detailed Description of the Invention

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Flemming Saether whose telephone number is 571-272-7071. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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